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SUBJECT: US-USSR MIGRATORY BIRDS CONVENTION
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1. ON APRIL 14 EMBASSY INFORMED VASILIY V. KRINITSKIY, CHIEF OF THE MAIN ADMINISTRATION FOR NATURE PRESERVES, ABOUT THE IMPENDING HEARING ON THE MIGRATORY BIRD CONVENTION (REF), AND INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF SOVIET RATIFICATION ACTION. KRINITSKIY NOTED THAT HE HAD CONSULTED ON THIS MATTER WITH THE MFA AND ADDED THAT APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED FOR SOVIET RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION. FORMAL APPROVAL BY THE SUPREME SOVIET IS NOT NECESSARY, ACCORDING TO KRINITSKIY. HE WAS UNWILLING TO SPECULATE ABOUT WHEN THE CONVENTION WOULD BE RATIFIED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE MFA ABOUT THE US HEARING AND HE ANTICIPATED THAT THE CONVENTION WOULD SHORTLY BE FORWARDED TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR "CONSIDERATION." KRINITSKIY NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS INTEND TO HOLD OFF RATIFICATION UNTIL THEY ARE SURE THAT THE CONVENTION WOULD BE RATIFIED BY THE US WITHOUT THE INCLUSION OF ANY "EXTRANEOUS" ELEMENTS.
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2. SOVIETS APPARENTLY HAVE SOME CONCERN THAT CONGRESS MIGHT SEIZE UPON THE CONVENTION AS A POLITICAL FOOTBALL. DURING RECENT VISIT OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR DAVID HALES, KRINITSKIY STATED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD KEY THEIR RATIFICATION TO THE UNFOLDING US RATIFICATION PROCESS. WE EXPECT THAT SOVIETS WILL ANNOUNCE THAT

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THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS "APPROVED" THE CONVENTION SHORTLY AFTER IT HAS BEEN RATIFIED BY THE US. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE US RATIFICATION PROCESS. TOON

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